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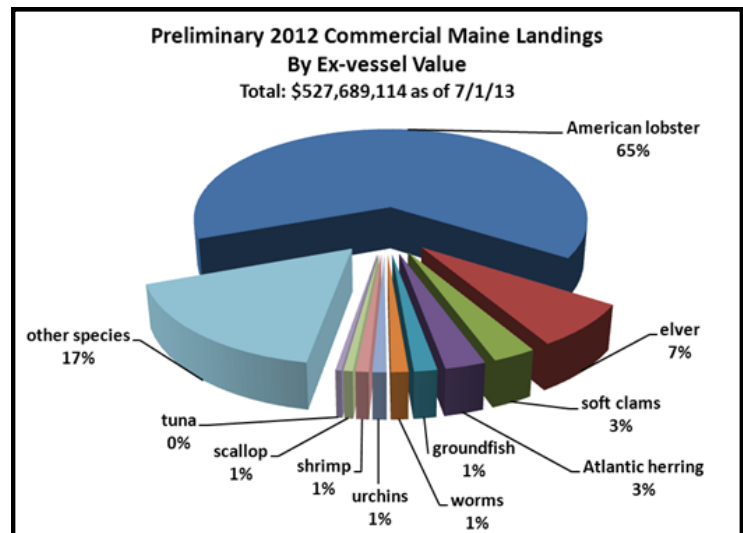
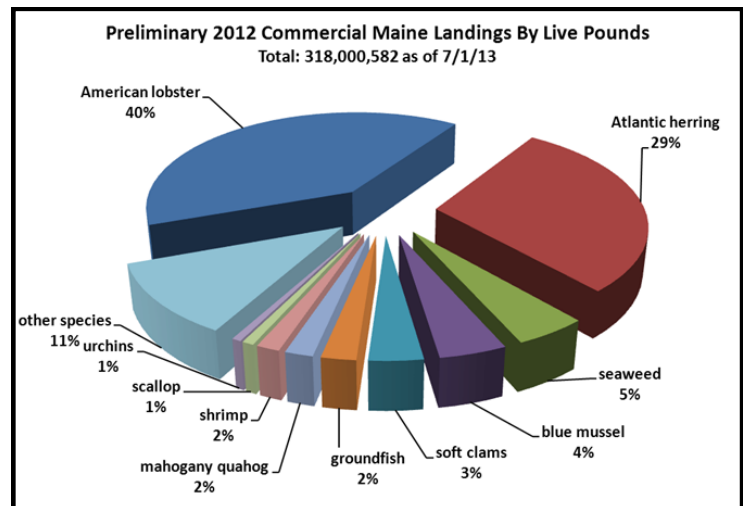
LANDINGS PROGRAM DEALER NEWSLETTER

INSIDE THIS ISSUE: *Preliminary 2012 landings by pounds and ex-vessel value, overview of dealer reporting, county and regional landings and historic landings*

The preliminary 2012 Maine commercial fisheries landings statistics are now posted on the DMR website: www.maine.gov/dmr/comfish/htm. These figures are based on 2012 dealer landings or harvester catch data that were collected by the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Figures (as of July 1st, 2013) indicate that 318,000,582 live pounds of marine species were landed in Maine with an ex-vessel value (boat price) of \$527,689,114. Thank you to all dealers and harvesters who have provided this valuable information on Maine's fisheries.

Preliminary 2012 landings by species

Species/Fishery	Live Pounds	Value
alewife	1,606,535	\$426,320
American lobster	126,759,542	\$340,735,585
Atlantic herring	93,055,533	\$14,550,770
bloodworms	431,823	\$4,901,858
blue mussel	1,710,317	\$703,714
crabs	1,706,911	\$699,884
eel-yellow eel	11,113	\$32,006
eel-elver	20,764	\$38,760,491
groundfish	7,107,947	\$8,262,112
hard clams	419,619	\$395,263
mahogany quahog	5,760,725	\$1,736,987
other species	29,972,217	\$80,354,259
oysters	703,434	\$1,660,891
periwinkles	917,260	\$829,527
sandworms	235,721	\$1,315,835
scallop	2,414,262	\$3,240,484
sea urchins	1,903,781	\$5,024,133
seaweed	15,093,477	\$421,326
shrimp northern	4,817,110	\$4,597,633
soft clams	11,051,707	\$15,643,700
spiny dogfish	226,770	\$42,555
tuna	218,891	\$2,173,734
TOTAL	318,000,582	\$527,689,114



Top 5 Maine Species By Live Pound 2012

Species/Fishery	Live Pounds	Percent of Total
American lobster	126,759,542	40%
Atlantic herring	93,055,533	29%
seaweed	15,093,477	5%
soft clams	11,051,707	3%
groundfish	7,107,947	2%

Top 5 Maine Species By Value 2012

Species/Fishery	Value	Percent of Total
American lobster	\$340,735,585	65%
eel-elver	\$38,760,491	7%
soft clams	\$15,643,700	3%
Atlantic herring	\$14,550,770	3%
groundfish	\$8,262,112	2%

OVERVIEW OF DEALER REPORTING

If you purchase any species directly from a harvester you are required to have a primary buyer permit (PBP) on your dealer license. All dealers with PBP's are required to report trip level information to DMR.

- Dealers with reporting requirements must report all species purchased directly from harvesters.
- Dealers are required to report landings from all harvesters, not just federally permitted harvesters.
- If you *do not* hold a federal permit, reports are due to the DMR by the 10th of the following month. If you *do* hold a federal permit, reports are due to NMFS by Tuesday of each week.
- If you purchase species other than shrimp directly from a federally permitted vessel you need to obtain a federal dealer permit and report weekly.
- If you are a seasonal business, turn in "negative reports" ahead of time for the months you will be closed.
- Do not report what you purchase from another dealer (we don't want to double count those fish). If you only purchase from a dealer for an entire month (or week if you are federally permitted), submit a "negative report".

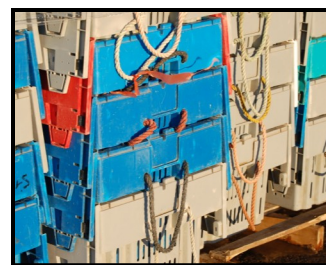
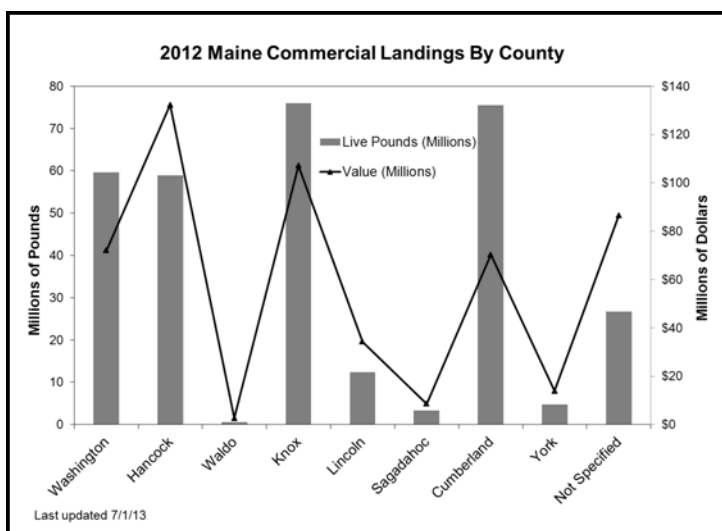
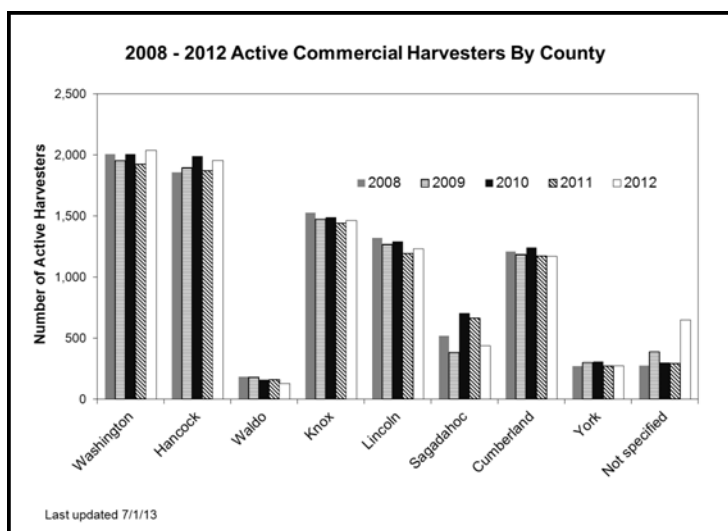


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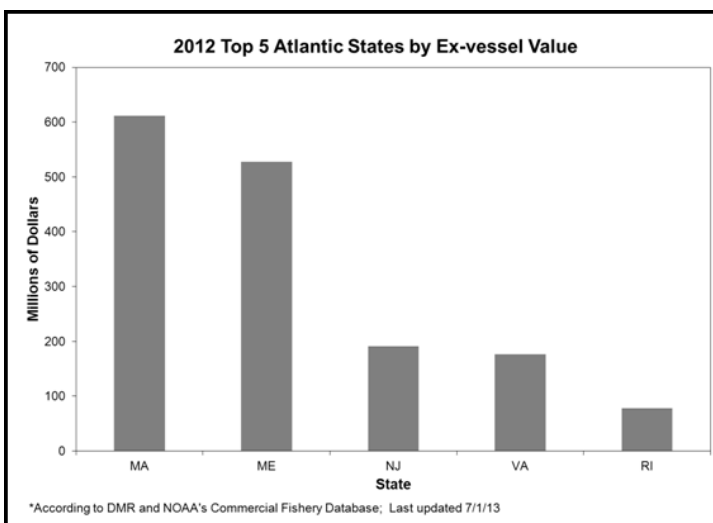
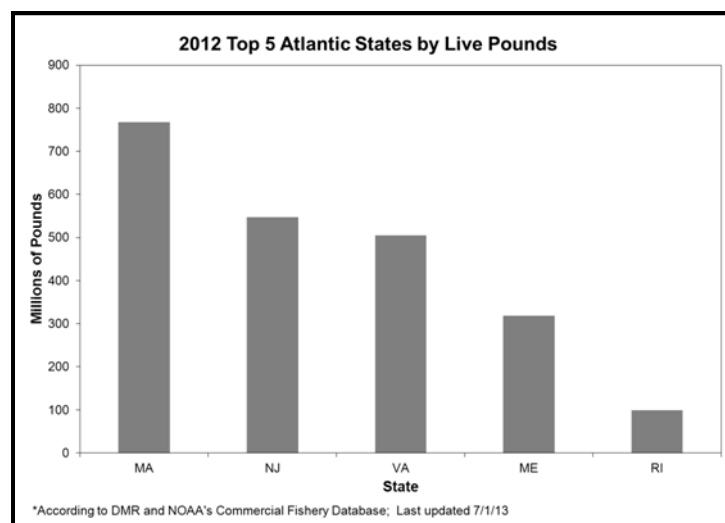


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COUNTY LANDINGS INFORMATION



ATLANTIC REGION LANDINGS INFORMATION



REPORTING CHANGES THAT AFFECTED THE 2013 ELVER SEASON

In an effort to more closely monitor the elver catch, modifications were made to the elver reporting rule. The regulation requires dealers with an elver dealer license and a primary buyer permit to report everything they buy from harvesters on a weekly basis during the elver season. This does not affect dealers that report to National Marine Fisheries Service because they already report weekly. After the elver season closes, dealers without a federal permit return to submitting reports monthly if they have other mandatory reporting requirements. DMR requires all dealers (wholesale, retail, marine worm, elver and seaweed) to report trip level information on all species purchased directly from harvesters (fishermen or diggers), according to Chapter 8.10 regulations. Reports are due on a monthly basis, except for the elver and shrimp fishery.



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DMR TO START SUSPENDING LICENSES FOR DELINQUENT REPORTING

Starting in September 2013 the DMR Landings Program will have the authority to suspend licenses for failing to report on time. The DMR needs to have the most current and accurate data available to provide fisheries managers and industry. We will be sending out informational letters before September to describe the new law and provide details to industry. We understand this will be a change from how the DMR Landings Program has operated in the past. If you have any questions please contact Heidi Bray at (207) 633-9504 or Rob Watts at (207) 633-9412.

CONFIDENTIALITY: HOW DMR PROTECTS YOUR INFORMATION

Landings data are protected as confidential according to 12 M.R.S. §6173 and Chapter 5 regulations. Data released to the public may not be disclosed in a manner or form that permits identification of any person or vessel, except when required by court order or when specifically permitted under 12 M.R.S. §6173. The commissioner may share data collected under this section for fisheries research and management.

Accurate and timely reporting of data ensures that fisheries managers have the most accurate information available when fisheries related decisions are made. The DMR also uses the data submitted for socio-economical purposes. This data collection program is one of the best ways to monitor the health and value of Maine's fisheries.

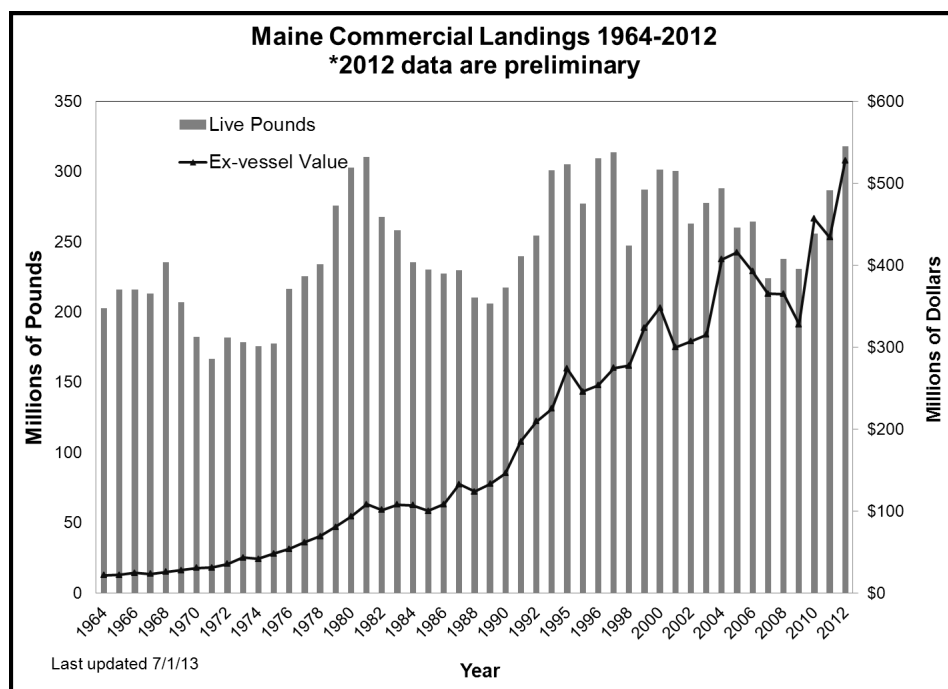
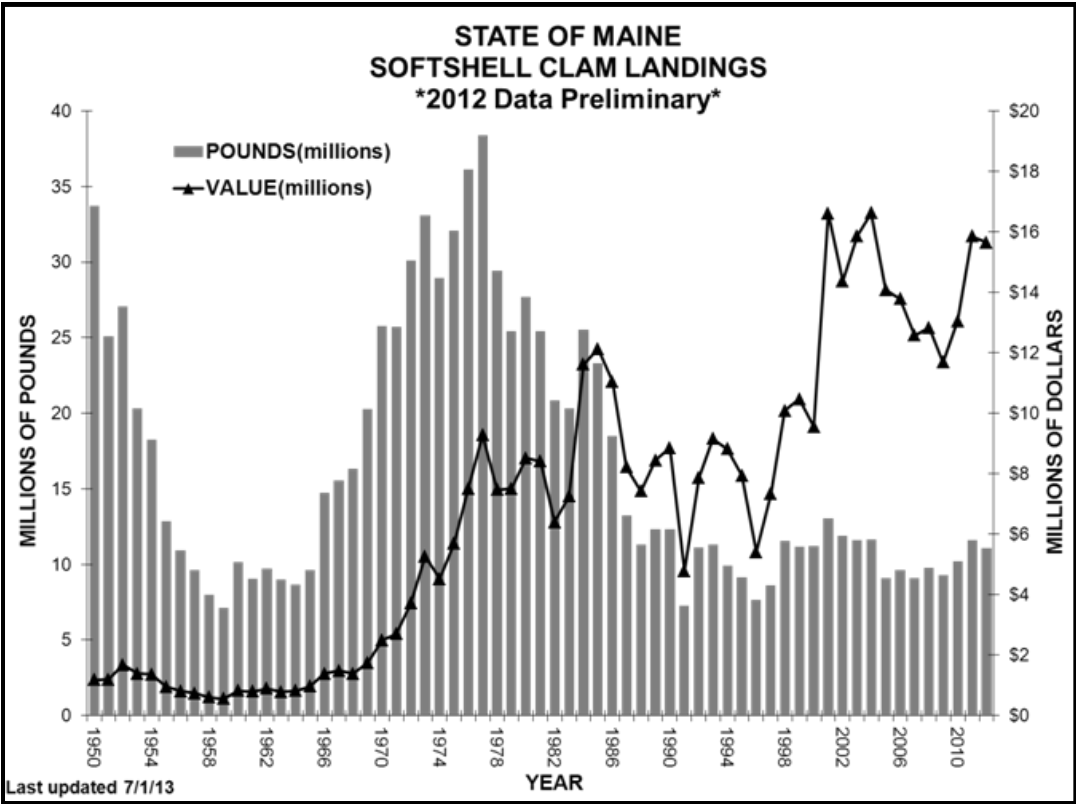
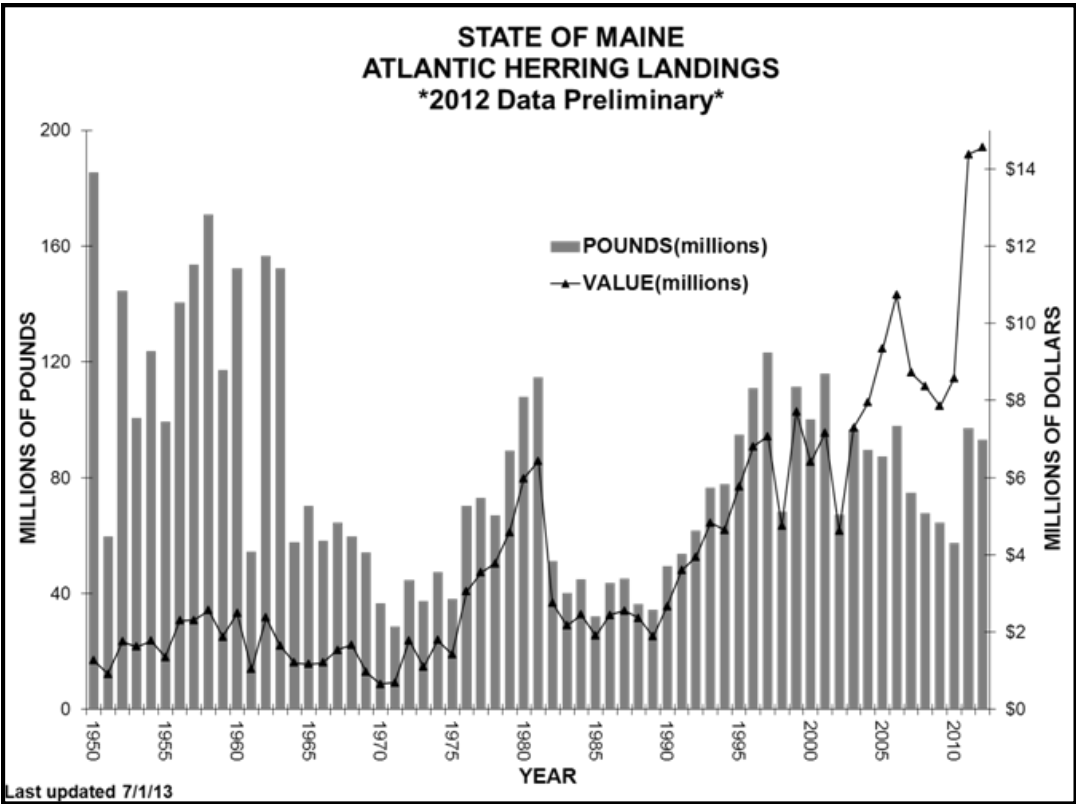


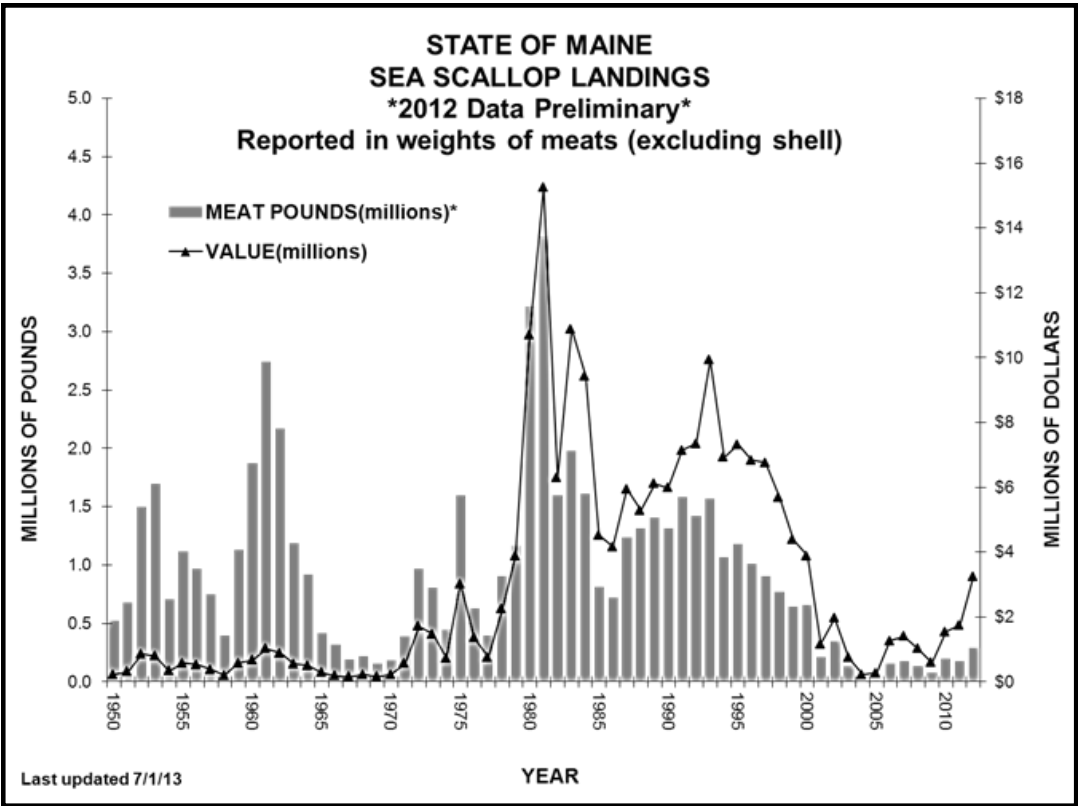
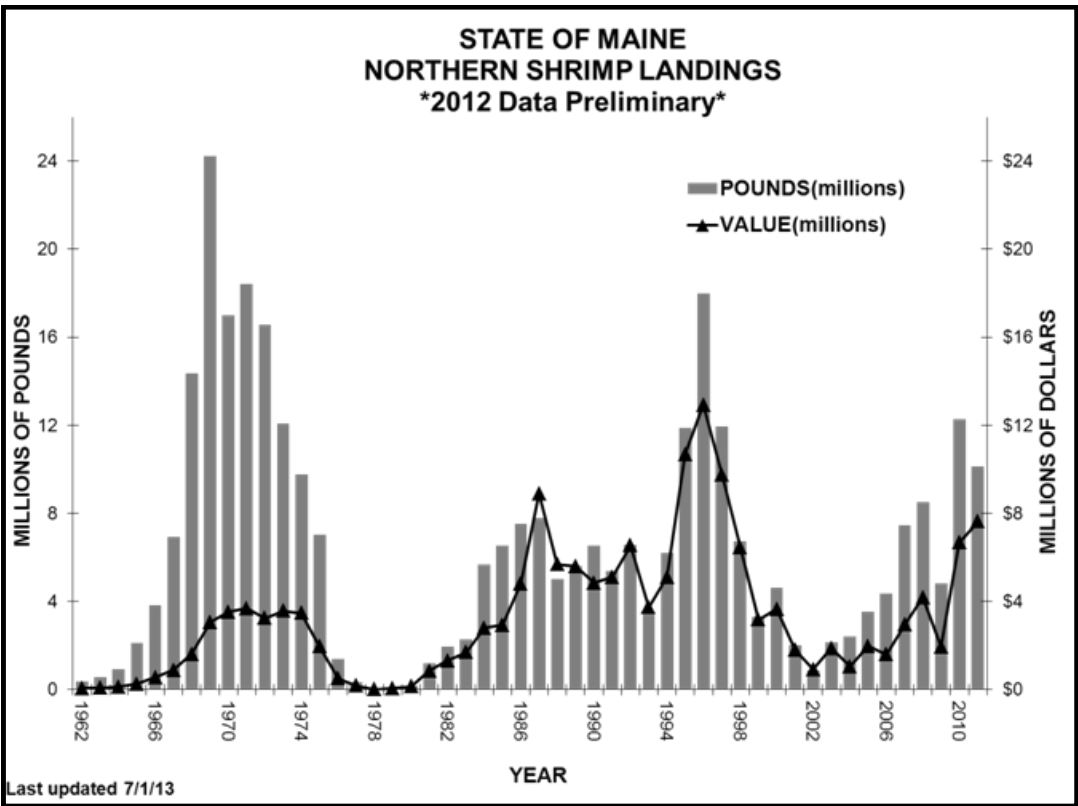
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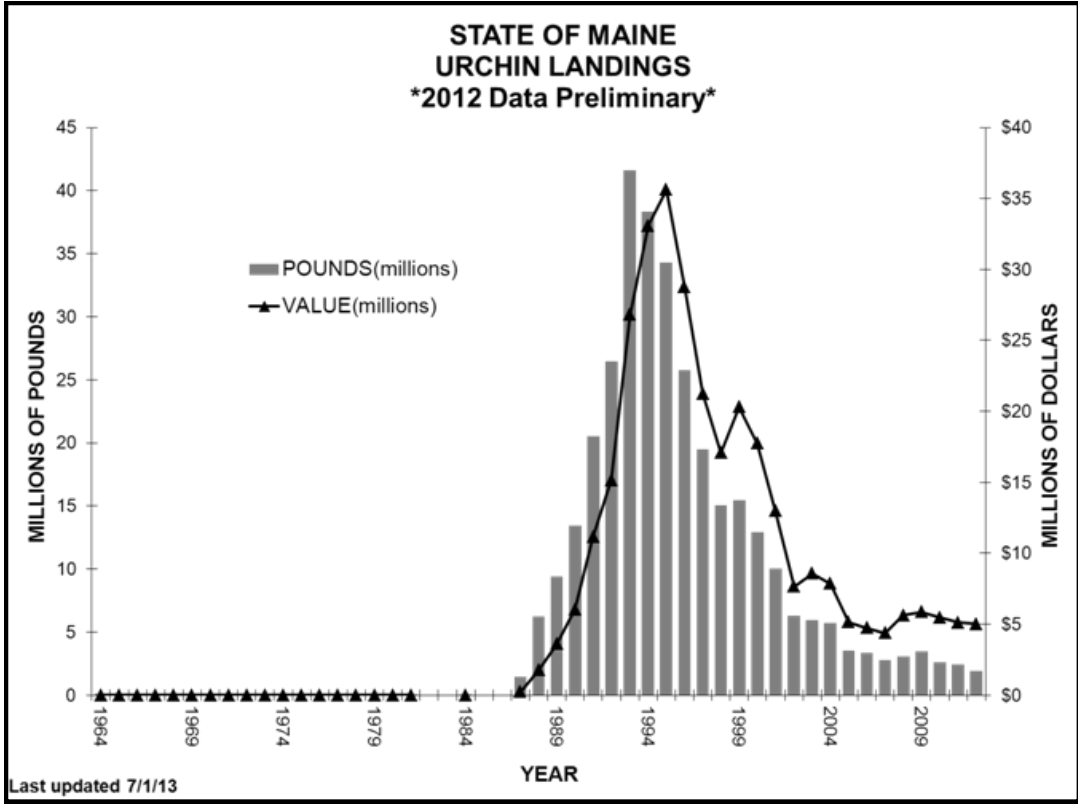
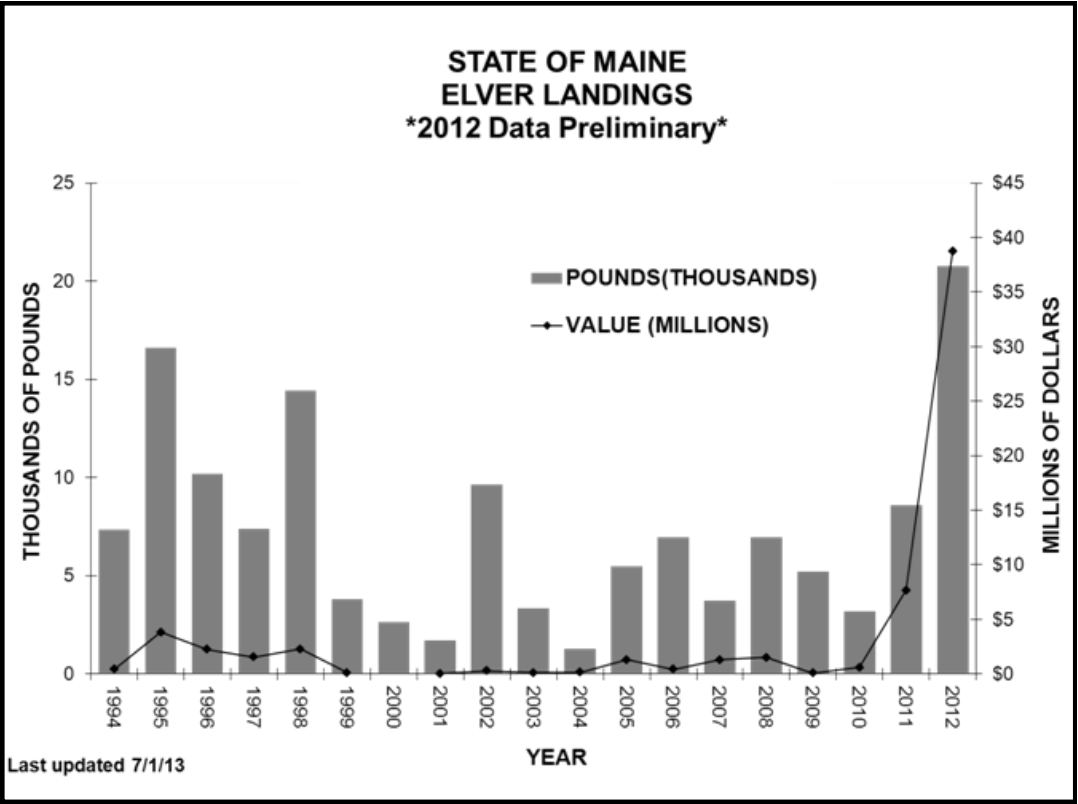


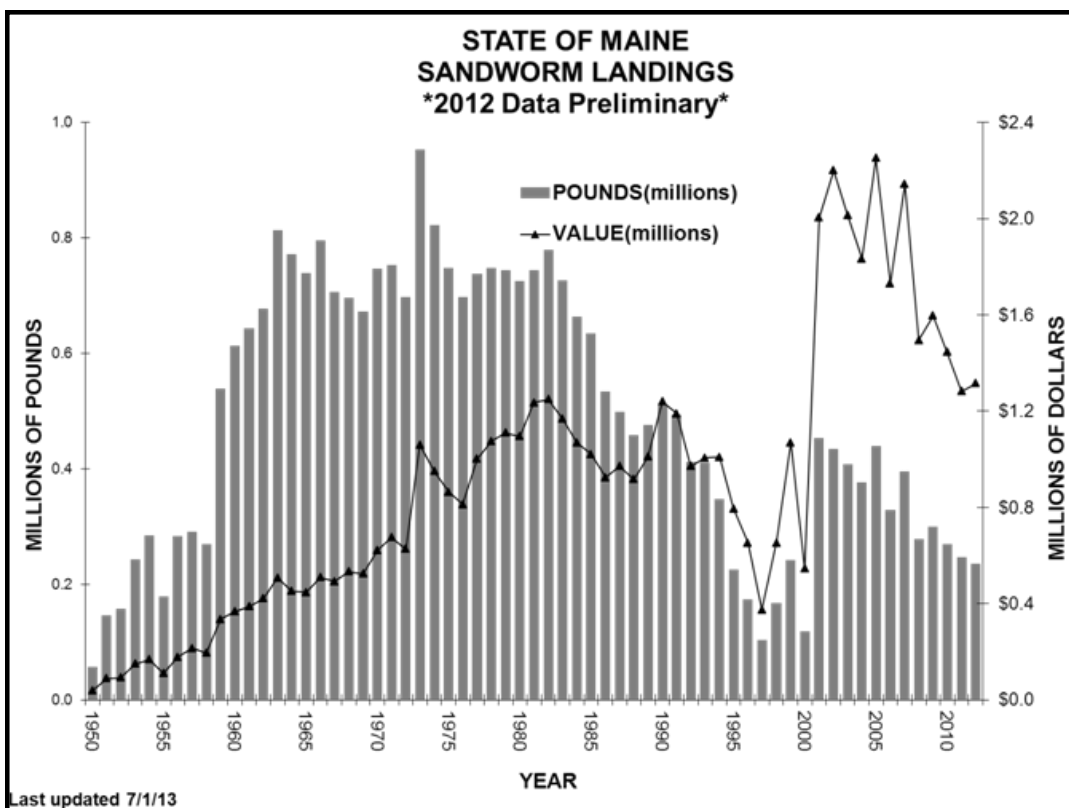
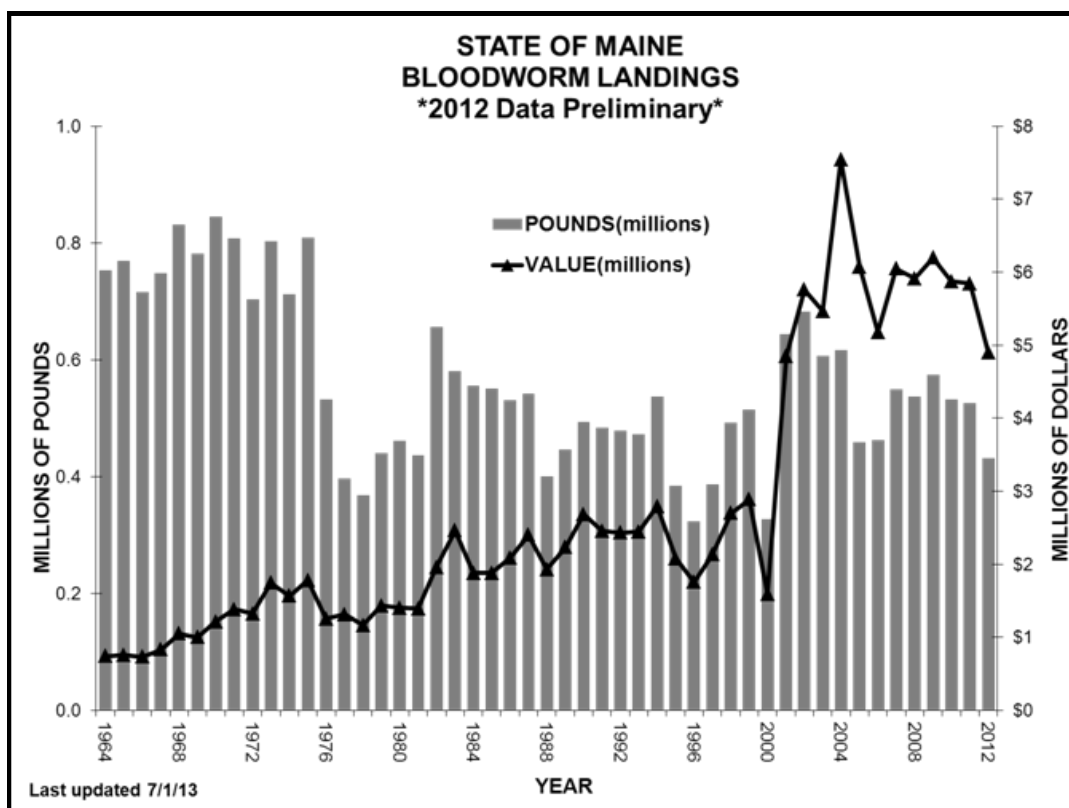
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STATE OF MAINE HISTORIC LANDINGS

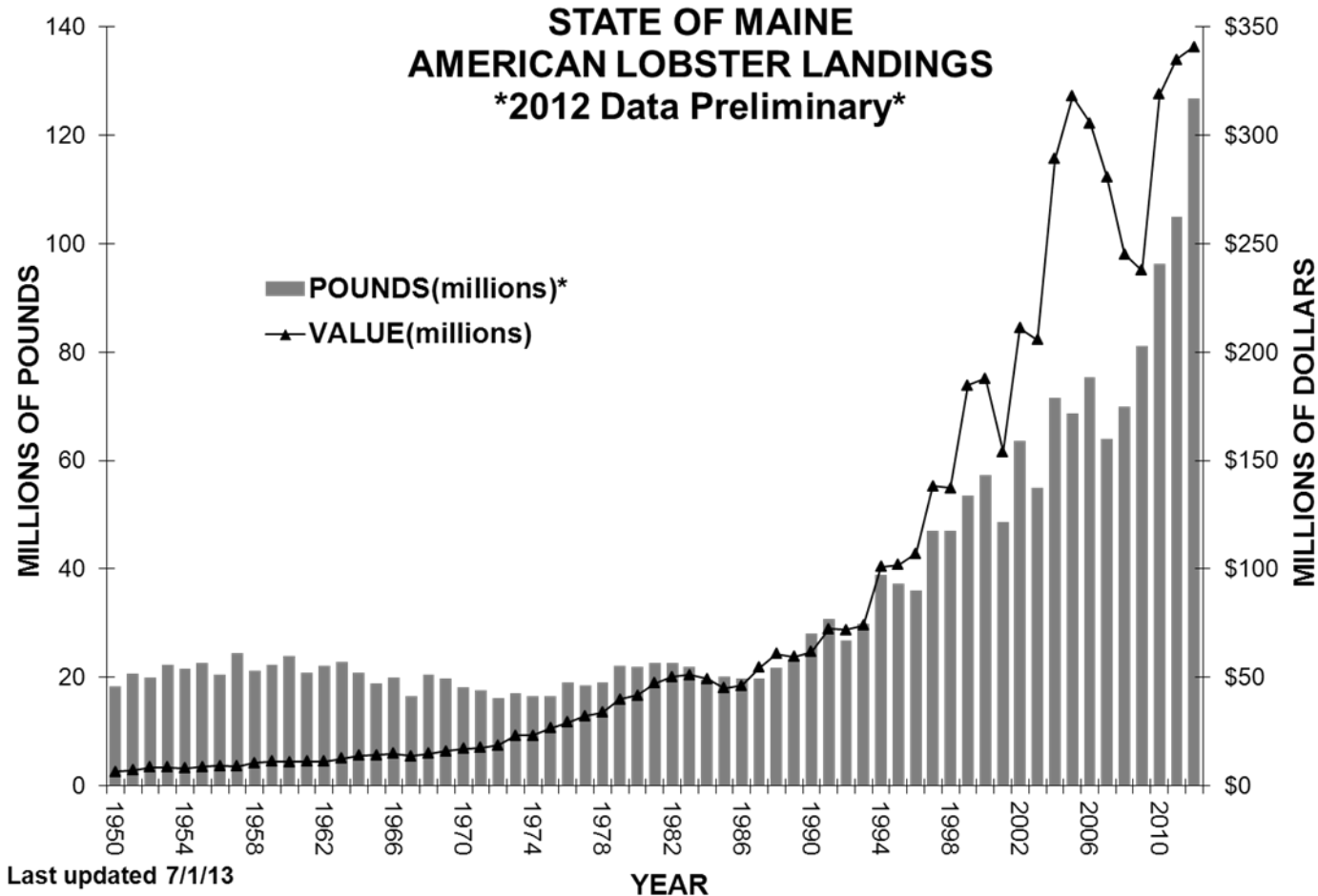








STATE OF MAINE AMERICAN LOBSTER LANDINGS *2012 Data Preliminary*



*The 2002 & 2003 landings may possibly reflect the increased effort by DMR to collect voluntary landings from some lobster dealers; caution is advised when comparing these numbers to previous years.

**Lobster reporting became mandatory in 2004 for all Maine dealers buying directly from harvesters, so caution is advised when comparing these landings to previous years.

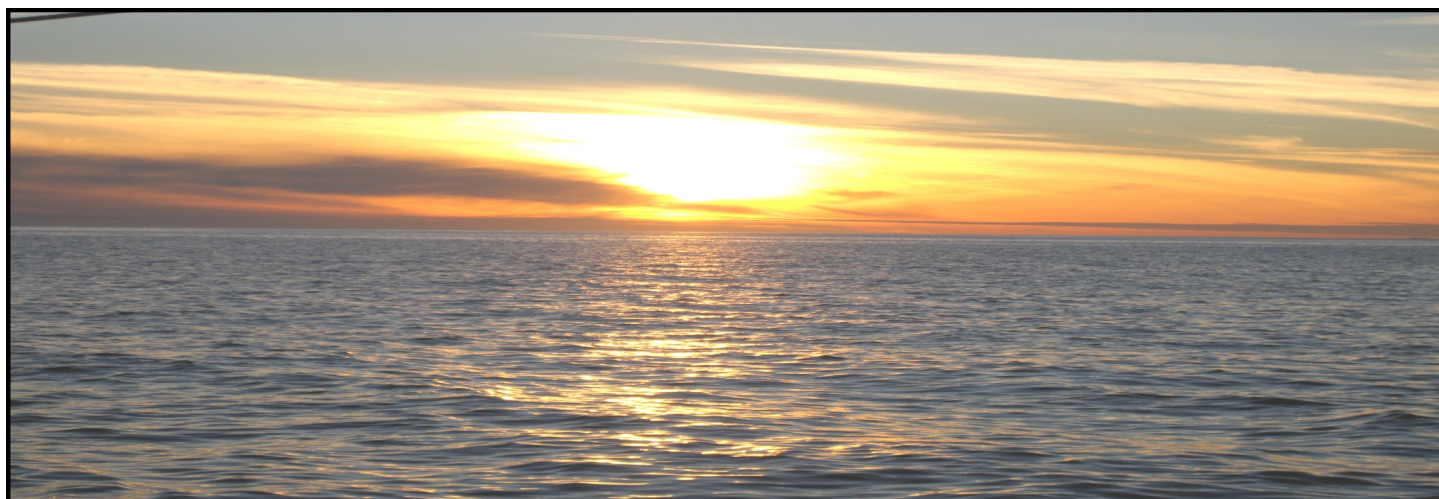


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For more 2012 preliminary landings data, visit: www.maine.gov/dmr/comfish.htm

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All data are preliminary and all figures and graphs were last updated 7/1/13 unless otherwise noted.